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Draft decision submitted by the Co-Chairs of the Preparatory Committee

Modalities of the high-level round-table sessions of the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III)

The Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III), recalling General Assembly resolution 69/226 of 19 December 2014, in which the Assembly decided that the Conference would include six high-level round-table sessions to be held concurrently with the plenary meetings, except during the opening and closing plenary meetings, decides that the six sessions shall be organized as set forth in the annex to the present decision.

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Annex

Modalities of the high-level round-table sessions of the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III)

1. The six high-level round-table sessions will be scheduled as follows:

17 October 2016, from 3 to 6 p.m.

18 October 2016, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.

19 October 2016, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.

20 October 2016, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

2. Each high-level round-table session will have two Co-Chairs, one from a developing country and one from a developed country, to be appointed by the President of the Conference from among the Heads of State or Government and ministers attending the Conference, in consultation with the regional groups. The Secretary-General of the Conference, in consultation with the Bureau of the Preparatory Committee, will identify up to four panellists and a moderator for each of the sessions.

3. The high-level round-table sessions will focus on identifying concrete actions for the implementation of the New Urban Agenda to further strengthen the global partnerships for sustainable urban development. The six sessions will be held on the following themes:

Round table 1 — Leave no one behind: urban inclusion and prosperity;

Round table 2 — Ecological, climate-resilient and disaster responsive cities;

Round table 3 — Adequate and affordable housing;

Round table 4 — Integrated strategic planning and management;

Round table 5 — Implementing the New Urban Agenda at all levels and with all actors;

Round table 6 — Financing sustainable urban development.

4. The high-level round-table sessions will be interactive and multi-stakeholder in nature, and each will be open to participation by representatives of all participating States, up to 15 representatives of observers, relevant entities of the United Nations system and other accredited intergovernmental organizations, up to 6 representatives of local authorities and up to 6 representatives of major groups and other relevant stakeholders. States participating in the Conference and other participants are encouraged to be represented at the sessions at the highest possible level. Each participant may be accompanied by one adviser.

5. At the discretion of the Co-Chairs, priority in the order of speakers will be given to those speaking at the level of Head of State or Government or at the ministerial level, followed by high-level representatives of other stakeholders, taking into account that there will be no prepared list of speakers. The high-level round-table sessions should aim to achieve a balance between speakers from

participating States and stakeholders. In order to provide for maximum participation, interventions should not exceed three minutes.

6. Each of the high-level round-table sessions will begin with statements by the Co-Chairs. Summaries of the sessions will be presented orally by the Co-Chairs at the closing plenary meeting and will be included in the final report of the Conference.